

City of Cambridge
Recycling Bin Carrier Program
Description, Eligibility Criteria and Distribution Procedure

For residents of Cambridge who have difficulty lifting and carrying the blue plastic recycling bins, particularly when they are full, the City can provide a wire “bin carrier.” This lightweight cart has a long handle, two wheels and a bar that fits under the rolled edge of the recycling bin and scoops it up off the ground when the cart is tilted back. With this cart the bin can be wheeled out to the curb and later back onto the resident’s property.

Eligibility for a recycling Bin Carrier will be determined by staff of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), according to the following criteria. The applicant must live in a household that participates in the City's recycling program. The Bin Carriers are for households that use the blue plastic recycling bins (tubs) for curbside collection. They are not for people who live in buildings with thirteen or more units since those buildings should be using the large recycling toters.

All members of the household over age 12 must have impairments that substantially limit them from lifting or carrying recycling bins to and from the curbside without the aid of the two-wheel Bin Carrier. The applicant must also have been fully informed that he/she could apply for an Exemption from the City’s recycling ordinance, and must have decided not to request this Exemption. The applicant must have the ability to independently move the full or empty recycling bin to and from the curbside with the help of this two-wheeled cart called a Bin Carrier.

Once a household has been determined to meet the eligibility criteria, CCPD will notify the Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) that a Bin Carrier is needed at that particular address. If a bin carrier is available, DPW will deliver it to the participant's home within two weeks, demonstrate its safe and proper use to the participant, and provide written guidelines for the Recycling Bin Carrier Program.

If a bin carrier is not available, the participant's name will be placed on a waiting list at CCPD and one will be provided as soon as one becomes available. The applicant’s eligibility is subject to periodic review. If it is determined that a program participant no longer meets the eligibility criteria, and no longer needs a Bin Carrier, then CCPD will notify DPW, and DPW will retrieve the Bin Carrier for later use by another household.

Once the Application Form has been received, it may take up to ten business days to be processed by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Public Works. For additional information or to obtain an Application Form, contact the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY) or by e-mail at **cthompson@cambridgema.gov**.

Send the completed Application Form to:

**Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities
51 Inman Street, second floor
Cambridge, MA 02139**

The City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works, does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Department of Public Works will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to qualified applicants and program participants with disabilities upon request. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or call 617-349-4800 (Voice) or 617-349-4805 (TTY).